

REMARKS

On July 29, 2010, the Patent Office issued a Notice of Abandonment because the period for responding to or seeking court review of the Decision on Appeal by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered on May 4, 2010 had expired and there were no allowable claims. Specifically, in the Decision, the Board reversed the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103, but issued a new grounds of rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

In response, Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b). Also, in furtherance of the Petition, Applicants submit this Amendment to amend claims 1, 4, 15, 55, and 72-74. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-28, 55-57, and 64-75 will remain pending in this application.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. While Applicants do not necessarily agree with the rejection, Applicants have amended claims 1, 4, 15, 55, and 72-74 to address the concerns raised by the Board in the Decision on Appeal. Additionally, Applicants submit that independent claim 75 does not include the phrasing upon which the Board based the rejection and, therefore, no amendment of this claim is deemed necessary. Accordingly, the rejection under § 112 should be withdrawn and the claims should be allowed.

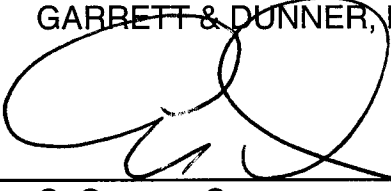
In view of the forgoing, Applicants respectfully request the reexamination and timely allowance of all of the pending claims in this application.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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